by adopting strict quality control measures. Our Mision in Washington is also in touch with the US Authorities.

इलेक्ट्रानिक वस्तुओं का आयात तथा निर्यात

1909. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1990 से अब तक इलेक्ट्रानिक वस्तुओं की कितनी-कितनी मात्रा का आयात तथा निर्यात किया गया ;

(ख) इसका देश-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस निर्यात से कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा प्राप्त हुई :

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) इलेक्ट्रानिक सामान के निर्यात एवं आयात की मात्रा संबंधी आंकड़े नहीं रखे जाते हैं बल्कि उनके मूल्य के आंकड़े रखे जाते हैं। वाणिज्यिक जानकारी एवं सांख्यिकी महानिदेशालय के अनुसार इलेक्ट्रानिक सामान के निर्यात एवं आयात के मूल्य के आंकड़े (जो कि वित्तीय वर्षवार रखे जाते हैं) निम्नानुसार हैं :--

(करोड़ रुपयों में)

वर्ष	आयात	निर्यात
1990–91	1253.63	416.94
1991–92	1159.68	611.93

(1991–92 के आंकड़े अनन्तिम हैं)

(ख) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

(ग) इस निर्यात से अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा की राशियां इस प्रकार हैं:--

(करोड़ रुपए)

1990–91	416.94
1991–92	611.93

(स्रोत : वाणिज्यिक जानकारी एवं सांख्यिकी महानिदेशालय)

India's reaction to Dunkel's Draft on patent protection

1910. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS-
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVESHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has conveyed its willingness to ac cept some of the clauses relating to patent protection in the Dunkel's draft on Tradfe Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs) subject to the condition that a transi tion period of 15 years is allowed if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether clauses contained in article 31 of the TRIPs text relate to compulsory licensing of patents in the drugs, pharmaceuticals, food and and chemicals industries and their acceptance would involve changes in India's patent laws, if so, to what extent this would provide stronger patent protection to multinationals;

(c) whether it is a fact that earlier during this year in Geneva readiness to accept above mentioned amended Dunkel proposals was conveyed during the negotiations; and

(d) whether India's opposition to Dunkel is well responded in intema-
I tional fora; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (d) PendinT a discussion in Parliament Government has not taken a final view on the compromise proposals of Director General GATT in respect of Uruguay Round negotiations including Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs). Government is not aware of any proposal to extend the transition period from 10 years to 15 years. Consequently, the question Of Government having conveyed India's willingness to aceept a TRIPs agreement with a 15 years transition period does not arise.

Article 31 of the draft TRIPs agreement pertains to 'other use without authorisation of the right holder', which term includes both compulsory licensing and government use. The Article covers all areas of patentability and is not limited to drugs, pharmaceuticals, food and' chemicals. No limitations have been placed on the grounds on which such authorization can be granted. However, there are strict conditions attached to the grant of such authorization.

The Indian patent law would have to be amended if proposals contained in Article 31 were to be accepted. The effect of these changes would be to provide greater protection to all right holders by eliminating automatic licences of right and making compulsory licensing subject to strict Conditions.

Several developing and developed countries have found the proposals of DG GATT to be less than fully satisfactory. Several others have indicated their willingness to proceed' further in the negotiations on the basis of these proposals. Most countries which have pronounced themselves on these proposals have done so primarily on the basis of the draft Agreement on agriculture. Indila has informally indicated to the principal trading countries and to DG GATT its intention to seek improvements and changes in the text.

ITPO's proposal for exhibition centre at Hyderabad

1911. SHRI P. UPENDRA; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Trade Pro tion Organisation (ITPO) has sub-submitted a proposal to Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of a permanent exhibition centre at Hyderabad on the lines of Pragati Mnidan in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what is the present State of the proposal and the reasons! for delay in setting up the exhibition centre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE CSHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However Chief Minister of. Andhra Pradesh had re quested for establishment of a Trade Fair Centre for the Southern Region at Hyderabad, by ITPO. This pro posal has examine and ITPO has expressed their inability to under take the work of .setting up the above said exhibition complex, main taining and managing its operations. However, ITPO has agreed to provide its know-how expertise and experien ce to the Government of Andhra Pradesh on commercial basis for undertaking this project on their own.

अरब देशों को बीड़ी का निर्यात

1912. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ अरब देशों को बीड़ी का निर्यात किया जा रहा है; और